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NORTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION

FARGO, ND, March 20, 2015 -- Honey production in 2014 from North Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 42.1 million pounds, up from 33.1 million pounds in 2013, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. North Dakota ranked first in the nation for honey production for the eleventh consecutive year.

There were 490,000 honey producing colonies in North Dakota during 2014, up 2 percent from 2013. Average yield was 86 pounds per colony, up 25 percent from 2013. Producer stocks were 9.27 million pounds on December 15, 2014 up from 6.96 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2014 crop averaged 200 cents per pound, down from the record high 204 cents in 2013. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2014 was 84.3 million dollars, up 25 percent from 2013.

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